AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace paragraph 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--This application incorporates by reference commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Number ______, IBM __Docket __Number __TUC9-2003-0163US1United States Patent Application Serial Number 10/719,213, entitled RECOVERING TRACK FORMAT INFORMATION MISMATCH ERRORS USING DATA RECONSTRUCTION, filed on even date herewithNovember 20, 2003.--